

X/4 C/S -- ZUKOV: SOME FOREIGN COMMUNISTS DISORIENTED

MUNICH, AUG 23 (CMD) -- SOVIET JOURNALIST YURY ZHUKOV WROTE IN PRAVDA TODAY THAT SOME FOREIGN COMMUNIST LEADERS HAVE TAKEN AN INCONSISTENT POSITION ON THE ACTION "OF THE SOUND FORCES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND FRATERNAL COUNTRIES."

TASS IN RUSSIAN QUOTED ZHUKOV AS SAYING: "HOWEVER, IN THE LAST FEW DAYS ALSO SUCH FACTS WHICH ARE DIFFICULT TO BE UNDERSTOOD HAVE BEEN OBSERVED. THIS CONCERNS THE INCONSISTENT... POSITION TAKEN BY THE LEADING OFFICIALS OF SOME COMMUNIST PARTIES, WHO EXPRESS MISTRUST TOWARD THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOUND FORCES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND FRATERNAL COUNTRIES, AND AT THE SAME TIME (SHOW) AN INEXPLICABLE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THAT DANGER WHICH THE ACTIVATION OF THE FORCES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN PRAGUE CONSTITUTES FOR THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM."

"DOES NOT RPT NOT THIS PROVE THAT SOME OF OUR FRIENDS ABROAD, CLEARLY DISORIENTED BY THE IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA, HAVE NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTOOD THE ESSENCE OF THE SITUATION THAT HAS ARISEN, AND HURRY IMMEDIATELY TO EXPRESS THEIR DISAGREEMENT WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH ARE FULFILLING THEIR OBLIGATION TAKEN IN BRATISLAVA, ZHUKOV ADDED.

ZHUKOV SAID SOVIET FRIENDS SHOULD BE WARNED BY THE FACT THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES ON AUGUST 22 DEVOTED SEVEN PAGES TO CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS, AND WELCOMED THOSE COMMUNIST LEADERS WHO IN ITS WORDS OPPOSED THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. (TASS IN RUSSIAN/M, AUG 23)

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